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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
2. Modified Form 1449/PTO (2 pages), in duplicate;
3. Copies of Cited References: A4-25, C2-4; and
4. Return Postcard.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 25452-013. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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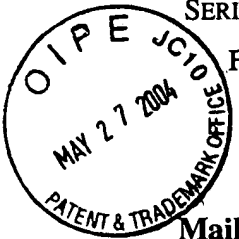
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action based on the merits in the above-identified case. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required.

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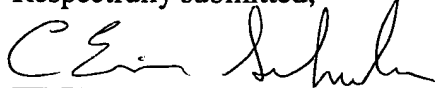
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	C2	Garcia-Molina, et al., 35 th IEEE Computer Society International Conference, pgs. 573-577 (1990).			
	C3	Lyon, J., 35 th IEEE Computer Society International Conference, pgs. 562-567 (1990).			
	C4	Mohan, et al., Proceedings of the 9 th International Conference on Data Engineering, pgs. 511-518 (1993).			

A copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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